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SUBJ: MUSHROOM GROWING AND PACKING PRACTICES.

1. FDA IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING A CONSUMER COMPLAINT OF ILLNESS ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY MUSHROOMS FROM TAIWAN. SYMPTOMS ARE HALLUCINATORY INTOXICATION SUGGESTING POISONOUS SPECIES BEING MIXED WITH EDIBLE VARIETIES.

2. QUESTIONS HAVE ARISEN ON CONTROL OF GROWING CONDITIONS AND PRACTICES IN THESE TWO COUNTRIES EXPORTING MUSHROOMS TO U.S., E.G.,

A. GENERAL CULTURAL PRACTICES OF THE GROWERS - INDIVIDUAL ON SMALL PLOTS, COOPERATIVES?

B. CONTROLS, IF ANY, TO ENSURE THAT WILD STRAINS DO NOT GROW IN BEDS

C. CONTROLS FOR SPECIES QUALITY AT THE GROWING LEVEL OR CANNING LEVEL.

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3. FDA WOULD APPRECIATE SUCH INFORMATION AS POSTS CAN DEVELOP

WITHOUT ALARMING HOST GOVERNMENTS. INGERSOLL

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